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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, May 9 1917

Ms. Howland Wood,
% American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Howland:

I have been back from New York but a few days and quite busy getting caught up with work which accumulated during my absence.

I had a very pleasant, and what I feel profitable, visit with Dr. Comparette. The Doctor was busy with other engagements the day I arrived and so I put in the time with Messrs. Merritt and the Chapmans. In the evening Dr. Comparette and I took dinner and spent the evening together. It gave me a good opportunity to lead up to the subject we discussed in New York. I found him in a very much receptive frame of mind and, in fact, he himself made suggestions right along the lines we discussed. He did not think much of the publication of the Allen series of articles which are to appear in the Numismatist, especially if it covers so long a period. He spoke of several other instances where long drawn-out series of articles were the real cause of suspension of the publications in which they appeared.

While I did not even suggest a proposition to him, I believe he would be glad to take the matter up providing, of course, a reasonable proposition could be made to him. I think the situation merits the consideration of both the A.N.S. and the A.N.A. and (while I cannot speak with authority) if the A.N.S. could make a proposition ~~which~~ with what the A.N.A. could afford to contribute, I believe the A.N.A. would be willing to join in such an arrangement.

I am writing this letter to you as you and I discussed it more fully than I did with either Messrs. Reilly or Newell. I said nothing to Adams about it nor to anyone else except Merritt who was favorable to such an arrangement if it could be carried out. Of course the matter will quite likely come under the next Board of Governors as it could not be worked up for consideration by the present Board. However, if anything is to be done along that line,

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there is not any too much time to get it into some tangible form by the time of the next A.N.A. Convention. As for myself, I would be willing to take it up anytime, but the membership of our Board of Governors is so scattered that it will take more or less time to get it before them all for action.

I do not think I had better write anything to Wurtzbach until I hear further from you as I do not like to bother him unless there is something "real" on which to work.

With kindest, personal, regards to yourself and your associates, particularly Messrs. Newell, Reilly, I am

Very truly yours,

Judson Brenner

JB/JJ

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Mr. Howland C. Wood,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

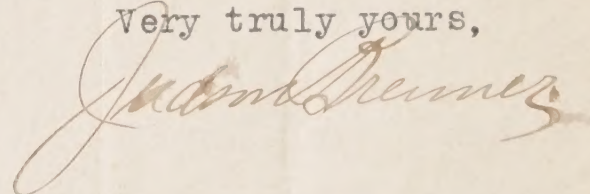
My deat Howland:

Just received yours written yesterday and
am glad I have your "think-jogger" working.

I wonder how Wormser, secretary of the
N.Y.N.C. would do. ^{yearly} You know that we have been giving
our secretary \$100.00 ^{yearly} as part pay for services, and while
this is insufficient, at the same time, it is, at least,
some recognition.

If the general secretary is selected from
New York, we should have the treasurer from there also,
and I am going to name Mr. Jno. Reilly, Jr, The east
(or if you please, New York) is worthy of a place on the
Board of Governors, and I would like to see Mr. Newell a
member of the Board. As I wrote you before, I am nominat-
ing Carl Wurtzbach, Lee Mass. for president, and Waldo C.
Moore of Lewisburg Ohio as chairman of the Board of Governors.
I believe Rochester will present an opportunity for making
A.N.A. history, and while we are at it, let us do our best,
not only for the A.N.A. but for all Numismatic Societies
as well as numismatics itself. We have it in our power to
do a grand good work and I hope with the promise of a large
attendance in Rochester, we can ^{and will} to it.

Very truly yours,



JB/JJ

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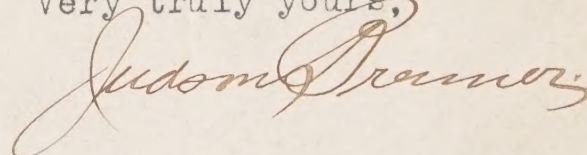
My dear Howland:

President Grandberg has named me chairman of the committee to make nominations with WM. C. Stone, Jno. M. Oliver and Dr. French with me.

I still feel that the A N.A. should have headquarters in New York. I believe, more than ever, that it would inure to the benefit of both the Society and the Association alike. In the event that a plan like the one we discussed could be worked out we should have the general secretary and treasurer either from or very near New York. I am not well enough acquainted with New York Numismatics to be able to make selections and I wish you would give me your views and whatever suggestions you are willing to make regarding candidates for the offices.

You, undoubtedly, know that I favor Wurtzbach for president, Moore (Lewisburg) for chairman of the Board of Governors with Leon for one of its members. Try to have your nominations to me early so that I may receive them in time to get into the Numismatist by the 20th when they go to press.

Very truly yours,



JB/JJ

June 12, 1917.

Mr. Judson Brenner
1101 Mahoning Bank Building,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Brenner:-

I suppose you have been wondering what has happened to me. To begin with, I was off for a week and also I found it no easy job to get the right person for the General Secretary of the A. N. A. At last I found a person who is willing to do the work, in fact would like to do it for the experience- namely, Mrs. Agnes Baldwin Brett, 404 West 116th Street, New York City, which is her home address. She is at the Society, however, most of the time. Whether or not you would care to have a woman for this job, I do not know.

I also had a talk with Jonathan M. Swanson, 22 Camp Street, Newark, N. J., but I have not heard from him a second time as to whether he would really accept the nomination, therefore, I am not proposing his name to you now. In many ways I don't think he would be as good as Mrs. Brett because he does not live in the City. Also, he is under thirty-one and is liable for draft. Of course you know all about Mrs. Brett. She is pretty well known numismatically throughout the world, possibly more especially in Europe than here. She was formerly Curator of the Society.

If I hear of anyone else I will let you know.

Yours very truly,

JUDSON BRENNER

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, July 13 1917.

Mr. Howland Wood,
% A.N.S. Broadway and 156th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

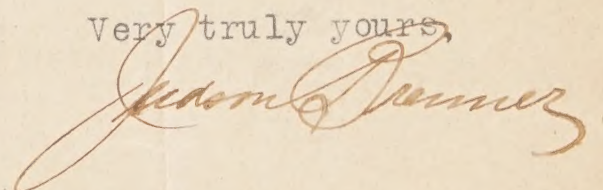
My dear Howland;

Glad to receive yours 11th. I was out of the city when your letter, suggesting Mrs. Brett's name for secretary, arrived here and it was also too late to get it in for publication in the "Numismatist". You understand that nominations can be made at the Convention and I think probably it is well that her name was not published as I can use it to better advantage at Rochester should conditions develop whereby we can carry out some plans along the line we discussed.

I note what you say about the Society being down as Branch No. 10. I think this is a mistake as the application was for "corporate membership" and should be so recorded. While I should be very glad to have the Society among the list of Branches, at the same time, we want to have it just as you want it.

I hope that we will have a good representation out of New York to Rochester and that you will be one of the many who will be there. I feel we are not only going to have a good Convention but a large one.

Very truly yours,



JB/JJ

May 9th, 1918.

Mr. Judson Brenner and Mr. Carl Wurtzbach.

My dear Messrs. Brenner and Wurtzbach:-

This is a joint letter to you two, and a copy has been sent to each of you.

About a year and a half ago you asked us if we could not devise some scheme or find the proper person to manage and edit the Numismatist here in New York preferably under our wing and help. In discussing the question at that time, we thought that a scheme whereby the editor of the Numismatist might also be the editor of our Journal, thereby, possibly running the two magazines more economically both in effort, labor and cost, would be to advantage all around. I have continually kept this matter in mind, but lack of funds on our part and the proper person on the other part has prevented any action. I think I have found the right person, a man of about my age with considerable administrative and executive experience as well as some little editorial and publication knowledge. We are planning to add him to our Staff here as Assistant Curator. He has signified a willingness to take over the Numismatist, if the salary attached to it would make his continued service with us possible. I suppose the present tenure of office of the publisher of the Numismatist expires at the end of the year. If any change is contemplated that would be the time when our man would want to take hold of the publication. I appreciate that neither of you are now officially in a position to take any action, but if the case still hold good as it did then, I think you can advise us the best way of going about this matter, and also you would undoubtedly be willing to help put it through if the change should be agreeable to you.

Yours very truly,

JUDSON BRENNER

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO,

May 21, 1918

Mr. Howland Wood

New York

My Dear Howland-

I never had so much work crowded in on me as I have had this Spring. Besides being away a large portion of the time, I have in charge the forenoon G.A.R. exercises for Memorial day, a new Floral Company - the usual Cemetery Spring work, besides getting ready for Annual Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Chicago June 1, (which I am the Grand Sovereign). That leaves but little time even for sleep.

I read your letter addressed to Ed. and myself with a great deal of interest, and I hope something may be worked up to the benefit of both bodies. When I get back from the Chicago Convention, I'll go into the matter further and let you know. I'll try write Wurtzbach in a day or so, or as soon as I can get a little breathing spell. Kindest regards to you and associates

Yours
Judson Brenner.

Have put off writing you regarding the Lincoln placques so - busy - I want one in silver and two in bronze. You may send any time. D.

November 17th, 1920.

Mr. Judson Brenner,
Youngstown,
Ohio.

My dear Mr. Brenner:-

On my return from Europe I found a notification
that I had been appointed a member of the Co-operative
Peace Ohio Committee. Can you tell me what has been
done so far, and what you are proposing to do. Being
a member of the Committee, I am naturally anxious to
know how things are or are not.

I had a most enjoyable summer, and as you can
well imagine have been more than busy with things that
are connected with my five winter's absence.

Very truly yours,

Quinton.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO,

Nov. 28, 1920

Mr. Corland Wood
New York

My Dear Corland:

Was glad to receive your letter 17th on my return, and will await anxiously until I see you and hear your story of what must have been one grand round table ^{piece}.

In regard to the issuing a commemorative ^{coin}, I did not want to take the chairmanship of that Committee fearing I could not properly take care of it as I should — Now, I know it! However I went to Columbus about middle of October to confer with Dr. Henderson ^{member of Cong.} and he and I went to Johnstown (O.) to ^{confer with} Congressman Ashbrook, who is also a ^{member}, but he was out of town. I then after his political fence and we did not see him. I then went South, and on stopped off at Johnstown on my way back, having arranged a meeting with him by long distance. We talked the matter over for some time, and I found him quite interested in the project, promising me his assistance. However, he not being the Chairman of the Coinage & Committee of the House (only a member) and being a Democrat, he feared that he might not be the proper one to introduce the bill or resolution, but would cast around for some strong Republican to do so. "If Harding is elected" he said, he could get the Senator to introduce it and it would go through without opposition ^{re}. From the looks of things, Harding is going to get out of the Senate soon after Jan. 1st when a Republican Governor would appoint a Republican to succeed him.

Ashbrook wants me with as many of the Committee and others to come to Washington soon after the opening of Congress next week so we could appear before the Committee ^{re}. but up to this time I'm not all

that I can go. Dr. Henderson wrote me he would go with me if I gave him a few days notice so he could arrange his affairs.

I am writing to Ashbrook today as to the best time to be there — Just read in Chgo. paper that he was married on Thanksgiving day, so he ought to be in best of spirits although he lost out on nomination by a very few vote —

Can you go to Washington on few day notice? You "missed out" account not being at a no. Convention Chgo. — Had an exceptionally good turnout and a great success every way. If we can get together in Washington it will make up a little for not seeing you at Chicago.

Will try to keep you posted promptly.

Kindest Regards

Judson Brewer.

December 3rd, 1920.

Mr. Judson Brenner,
1001 Mahoning Building,
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Brenner:-

I am very glad to hear from you. I very much doubt if I can get a chance to go on to Washington for some time as I am extremely busy here until our Annual Meeting on January 8th, and after that date I am trying to plan a month's leave to do some studying in Boston. However, keep me posted all that you can with what is happening. I myself am absolutely devoid of ideas except that I never believe in any souvenir or memorial coin being sold for more than its face value.

Very truly yours,

August 26th, 1911

Judson Brewster, Esq.
1001 Mahoning Bank Building
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Judson:

I am sorry not to have said
Goodbye to you and Mrs. Brewster before
leaving Boston, but I looked around and
could not find you.

Under separate cover, I am
sending you two copies of the Human-
tist for August 1915.

Very truly yours,

WW/E

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P. O. BOX 384

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO,

Aug 31, 1921

Mr. Howland Wood
New York

My Dear Howland,

We "lost out" quite a good deal at Boston and New York through the illness of Mrs. B., and we missed seeing a good many of our friends before leaving, such, though, as the many of you and I hope for better luck next time in N.Y.

Thanks for the two Aug. 1915 copies of the Numismatist. I wanted three for use in connection with my set of Pan-Pacific Commemorative Coins, as it shows Mayor Ralfe of San Francisco striking No. 7 which is the set of the same being certified to by the Directors of the mint also the Superintendent.

I hoped to have gone out to see you but Mrs. B's condition prevented so I wish you would kindly remember me to those whom I happen to know - especially the family.

Best to you

Sincerely Yours

Judson Brenner

Looked for memo for what I should remit to you, but couldn't find it. I will have sent it.

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BROADWAY, BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

October 18th, 1921

Judson Brenner, Esq.
1001 Mahoning Bank Building
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Brenner:

I am checking up our Commemorative Gold
Dollars and I am wondering if I have them all.
We have the following -

1903✓	St. Louis	McKinley
1903✓	St. Louis	Jefferson
1904✓	1905✓	Lewis and Clarke
	1915✓	Panama Pacific
1916	1917✓	McKinley birthplace <i>Memorial</i>

Will you kindly send me a line regarding the
matter?

Very truly yours,

Howard Wood
Curator

Dear Howard -

Just getting moved from the country into the city -

Replying to the above, you have all except

1916 McKinley Memorial (there were issued

in 1917 and 1918)

kindest regards

Judson Brenner

July 21st, 1922

Judson Brenner, Esq.
1001 Mahoning Bank Building
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Brenner:

Can we count on a paper from you for the Convention on August 24th? I have been made Chairman of the Committee on Papers, but owing to my unfortunate stay in hospital, I have been unable to give the matter all the attention I would like. Have you something that could be presented? If so, please let me have the title and approximate length of your paper.

Also, do you intend to be present at the Convention? If not, we will look after the reading of the paper if sent to me at the above address.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

September 15th, 1922

Judson Brenner, Esq.
1001 Mahoning Bank Building
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mr. Brenner:

When going to press with my article on Commemorative coins, I read in the paper notice of a Bill having been passed to coin a fifty-cent piece commemorating the birth of President Hayes. Can you put me in touch with a Committee that would look after this as I am anxious to get all the facts possible.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Hw/E

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, Sept. 18, 1922

My Dear Howard Wood,

Your 15th just received.
all I know about the "Haye" 50¢ piece is
what I saw in the newspapers.
Hon. Albert H. Vestal is chairman of the
Committee on Coinage Weights and Measures, and
I know he will be glad to give you the information
you are seeking if you write him care
House of Representatives Washington D.C.
I am glad you are preparing an article on
Commemoration Coins (Souvenir Coins) I had this
in mind ^{myself} in case I would have been able to
attend the A. N. A. Convention this summer.
It is needless to say that I regretted to the extreme
missing this one in particular, but it was
one of the "impossibles" Haven't heard a word from
any one as I expect I'll just have to wait until
the October Numismatist is out.

Kindest Regards

Judson Brenner

am just leaving for Cleveland to attend
meeting of the Supreme Council 33° at which time
that degree will be conferred upon President Harding.

September 20th, 1922

Judson Brenner, Esq.
1001 Mahoning Bank Building
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Judson Brenner:

Many thanks for your answer to my enquiry. I have written to Mr. Vestal asking him to keep me in touch with the progress of the 50-cent piece. Probably, all I can do is to make a note at the end of my article that such a coin is in prospect.

The Convention was about the same as other Conventions except that there were a few more present - I think it was the biggest crowd we have ever had. Wormser conducted it very well. Nothing, however, of any moment was done; and nobody started anything. Everybody asked after you and were hoping up to the time of the arrival of your telegram that you would be with us.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Brenner.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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